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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM

Arab Refugees Rehabilitation Program -- Health Aspects

This paper was prepared by the Division of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs of the Department of State. The paper points out the necessity of long range health planning, particularly in the provision of necessary public health and medical care facilities, health centers and hospitals, and professional personnel. Any work project directed to the economic expansion of the countries concerned must include not only a program of medical care of workers but also provision for the prevention of disease and for labor camp sanitation. The paper recommends that expenditures for necessary health activities in connection with work projects should be included as an integral part of the project's total cost and that the health program should be administered within each project's general organizational scheme. It further recommends that the United Nations, its specialized agencies and voluntary groups should continue their health activities until permanent resettlement is well under way, and should plan for the establishment of permanent public health services at resettlement sites. Indigenous personnel could be trained to carry on and expand the health programs as the local governments gradually assume full responsibility.

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